

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 488

By Johnson

A RESOLUTION to honor the life and memory of the late Joseph Sweeney of Brentwood.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the untimely passing of Joseph Sweeney, former mayor of Brentwood; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Sweeney was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, a longtime resident of Williamson County, Joe Sweeney was a highly respected member of the Brentwood community; and

WHEREAS, he had served with acumen and alacrity as mayor and city commissioner; he served as the mayor of Brentwood for four two-year terms and held the distinction of the longest standing member of the city commission, a position that he held from 1972 to 2011; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Sweeney enjoyed a very successful thirty-five year career with Shell Oil Co., the position that brought he and his family to Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Joe Sweeney was a teller of great stories and dreadful, corny jokes, which he would deliver in his Michigan accent with a touch of Irish brogue; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Sweeney was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Joe Sweeney enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife, Mary K. Sweeney, and was the father parent of Kathleen (Johnny) Freeman, Sean (Joan) Sweeney, Kevin Sweeney, and Bill (Jena) Sweeney; and grandfather of twelve grandchildren and five great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Sweeney will also be sadly mourned but fondly remembered by his sister Sharon (Bill) Quinn and sister-in-law Dell Sweeney, along with a host of other family members and loved ones; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Sweeney leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life and diligence and dedication, in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Joseph Sweeney, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Joseph Sweeney.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.